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**SERIAL NO.: 09/149,795 :** **ART UNIT: 1711**

**FILED: SEPTEMBER 8, 1998 :**

**FOR: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION :** **PATENT NO. 5,994,455**  
**OF THERMALLY STABLE**

**POLYOXYMETHYLENE :** **ISSUED: NOVEMBER 30, 1999**  
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The following items are enclosed which accompany the concurrently filed response to the outstanding Office Action of January 17, 2003, in the above identified application.

1. Original US Patent 5,994,455 which is being surrendered in accordance with the request for reissue of that patent.
2. A new reissue Declaration identifying the errors relied upon to support the subject reissue application. Such reissue Declaration has been properly executed by each of the named inventors.

Respectfully submitted,

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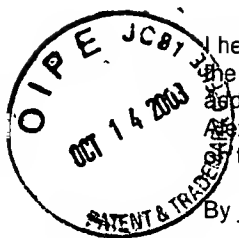
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**COMMUNICATION REGARDING NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT**

Sir:

Applicant received a Notice of Abandonment in the subject patent application for failure to file a timely response to the Office Action dated January 17, 2003. However, it is respectfully requested that the application be reinstated since a response was in fact prepared and filed within the period allowed for such response.

On March 19, 2003, applicant submitted the original certificate US Patent 5,994,455 which was surrendered in accordance with the request for the reissue of that patent. Additionally, a new declaration was submitted as well as a response to the Office Action of January 17, 2003. A petition for a one month extension was also filed together with a check in the amount of \$110.00. The check in the amount of \$110.00

(check number 17321) has cleared our bank account. Copies of these papers are enclosed together with an acknowledgement by the Patent and Trademark Office indicating receipt thereof and a mailroom stamp of March 24, 2003.

However, it has now come to applicant's attention that the serial number and filing date are incorrect. Such serial number and filing date are the serial number and filing date of the original application which became US Patent 5,994,455. It may be that the originally filed papers are in that file.


Additionally, applicant filed a Status Inquiry on September 11, 2003, which properly identifies the serial number and filing date. A copy of the Status Inquiry and the acknowledgement of receipt by the Patent and Trademark Office are enclosed.

Reinstatement of this application is believed to be appropriate.

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